Electrical and Mechanical Engineering School located at Vadodara in Gujarat imparts Technical Training to Officers, Junior Commissioned officers and Jawans of the Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineering. There is no other training centres in the State of Gujarat. There is no proposal for a new training centre in the State.

**Revamping Rajya Sainik Boards**

3378. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Account books of some retired Army Officers which were in the custody of Rajya Sainik Board in Delhi have gone missing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to revamp the Sainik Boards and the details of action taken against responsible for such dislocation; and

(d) whether similar complaints have also been received against Sainik Boards of other States, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) Government of National Territory of Delhi, who exercise administrative control over Rajya Sainik Board, Delhi, have informed that 35 Post office Pass Books concerning security deposits made by the ex-Serviceman for the release of surplus vehicles of Army, under self-employment scheme, had been found missing from the office of the Board in the month of September-October, 1994. The matter has been reported to the police authorities. Rajya Sainik Board has taken necessary steps to account for all the Pass Books and keeping them under safe custody.

No such incident of missing Post office Pass Books has been reported by any other Rajya Sainik Board.

**Allocation of funds to the cantonments in Madhya Pradesh for development works**

3379. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds made available to various cantonments for development works in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Govrnment to solve the problem of supply of water and electricity in these cantonments; and

(c) Government's schemes to make these Boards effective to enable them to provide better facilities to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) There are five Cantonment Boards in Madhya Pradesh viz. Jabalpur, Mhow, Morar; Pachamarhi and Saugor. Out of these, Jabalpur and Morar Cantonment Boards are self sufficient. The amount provided by the Government by way of grant-in-aid during the last three years to the other Cantonment Boards in Madhya Pradesh to meet their normal expenditure including expenditure for development work is as under:—

| Year | Amount of Grants-in-aid (Rs. in lakhs) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Mhow | Pach-marhi | Saugor |
| 1994-95 | 55.00 | 23.00 | 18.00 |
| 1995-96 | 125.00 | 17.28 | 10.00 |
| 1996-97 | 40.00 | 15.00 | 25.00 |

(b) The Cantonment Boards being statutory bodies governed under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924 undertake development works like roads, drains, water supply etc. from their own resources. Central Government provides only financial assistance to them by way of special grants wherever needed in the case of deficit Boards. Service charges

are also paid to them in lieu of property tax in respect of Defence properties. The amount of service charges received during the last 3 years by these 5 Cantonment Boards is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below) attached. Supply of electricity in the Cantonment areas is done by the State Electricity Authorities. Cantonment Boards do not supply electricity to household but only maintain street lighting. As regards water supply, the Cantonment Boards, within their limited resources available, provide water supply to the civilian population in the Cantonment area. The Boards-wise amount spent on water supply during the last 3 years is given in the above statement.

(c) The functioning of Baords is closely monitored by the Directorate of Defence Eastes in the Command, Director General Defence Estates and also at Ministry level. Wherever necessary directives are issued by the Government through the Director General Defence Estates for improving the functioning of the Baords.

Statement

*Details of Service charges received and spent in Cantonment area*

*(a) Amount of service charges received during the past three years*

| Name | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (Rs. in lacs) | | |
| Jabalpur | 153.38 | 216.83 | 211.60 |
| Mhow | 63.11 | 63.11 | 143.26 |
| Morar | 45.90 | 67.30 | 64.28 |
| Pachmarhi | 06.74 | 06.60 | 22.85 |
| Saugor | 59.75 | 61.82 | 43.73 |

*(b) Amount spent on water supply during the past 3 years*

| Name | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jabalpur | 15.75 | 25.89 | 15.20 |
| Mhow | 06.80 | 26.00 | 42.84 |
| Morar | 00.63 | 01.22 | 01.60 |
| Pachmarhi | 02.42 | 01.31 | 01.30 |
| Saugor | 12.26 | 09.90 | 11.10 |

**Upgradation of MIG-27**

3380. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has offered to upgrade MIG-27 aircraft of the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The IAF is currently engaged in technical discussions for finalisation of the upgrade package for MIG-27 aicraft.

**Pak agents sent to India in the guise of Sadhus**

3381. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Pak agents have been sent to India in the guise of Sadhus;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has been detected by Vishwa Hindu Parishad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) According to unconfirmed reports some youths trained by Pakistani ISI in handling of explosives had crossed into India in August/September, 1996 in the guise of Sadhus, with